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#### PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY v. PIPER & Co.

This case, in which the right of persons not registered under the Pharmacy Act to sell proprietary medicines containing scheduled poison was definitely raised, was contested with much perseverance on behalf of the Grocers' Association. It had been previously decided that proprietary medicines containing poisons must be labelled as the 17th section of the Pharmacy Act requires. The question now before the Court was whether the sale of them was likewise affected by the 15th section, which imposes a penalty on any unregistered person who shall sell or keep open shop for selling any scheduled poison. The 16th section, however, exempts the making and dealing in patent medicines from what goes before, and the Court was therefore asked to declare that the particular medicine under review-chlorodyne-was a "patent medicine" within the meaning of the Act. This was not possible; there was no reasonable ground for describing it as such, and the Court could not entertain that defence. There was, however, a good deal of discussion in reference to the second line of defence, which was to the effect that this compound, though comprising poisons in its composition, was not itself a poison nor the preparation of one. Ultimately, however, this difficulty was overcome, and the Court came to the conclusion, "not altogether willingly," and only "with respect to this particular matter," that the statute had been infringed.

#### EFFECT OF THE JUDGMENT.

After taking some time for consideration the grocers decided not to appeal against this judgment, and their Association drew up a list of medicines which they advised their members were poisonous, and should be cleared out of stock. This list was published by us in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST of March 4 last. The advisers of the Pharmaceutical Council took the view that the judgment applied to any medicine in which the presence of any scheduled poison, in no matter how small a proportion, could be proved. hey brought actions in respect of a great number of popular medicines, the penalties being paid in most cases without the formality of a trial. In one case, however, they met with serious resistance. This was the action known as the

## PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY v. DELVE.

This case was first heard at the Manchester County Court on June 21. The defendant, who was unregistered, had sold a preparation called licoricine, in which the plaintiffs' analyst said he had detected morphia. He had not ascertained how much. He had not been instructed to analyse the preparation quantitatively, and he was not able to dispute the suggestion of the defendant's counsel that the proportion of the poison did not exceed the one-fiftieth of a grain in the ounce. The Judge was not satisfied with what he called the very loose evidence given for the plaintiffs, and he gave judgment for the defence, allowing, however, an appeal on the plaintiffs' contention "that the presence of any morphia whatever in the mixture renders the defendant liable under the Act." The appeal came on in the Queen's Bench Division on October 31, before Justices Charles and Wright, who very confidently dismissed it. Mr. Justice Wright declared that it was an abuse of language to say that such a mixture as this was a preparation of morphine.

These two High Court judgments leave us in some doubt, therefore, as to the actual condition of the law. Two grains of morphine to the fluid ounce bring a medicine within the grip of the Pharmacy Act; one-fiftieth of a grain to the fluid ounce is ridiculously insufficient to do this. Those are the two solid points so far ascertained. It would spoil future legal sport if either of the Judges had been considerate

enough to proceed a little farther and tell us exactly what are the permissible limits.

#### LOOSE EVIDENCE.

It was a pity, perhaps, that prejudice should have been created against the Pharmaceutical Society in this case by what certainly struck the Manchester. Judge as a careless way of presenting the case to him. The object aimed at would have been secured just as well if evidence of the exact quantity of morphine in the medicine had been tendered. The insufficiency or inefficiency of their evidence has occasioned a breakdown of several other cases brought by the l'harmaceutical Society this year. At Liverpool they lost a case against the vendor of a poison, alleged to be unregistered, because their witness could not identify the man in court. At Ystrad, where they sued an ironmonger for an alleged sale of Fellows's syrup, they were defeated because their witness had to acknowledge that he might have been drunk on the day when he said he bought the preparation in question. At Brentford they sued a man for selling chlorodyne, but had first informed him that it was Powell's balsam which he had, in their opinion, illegally sold, and it seemed that there had been some confusion of their agent's purchases; and quite lately they failed in regard to a nervine which their witnesses said contained aconitine, while the defendant swore that he had used veratrine.

These occurrences are, perhaps, the inevitable accidents of a campaign such as this. At any rate, they should not be allowed to eclipse the really

#### SERVICEABLE WORK

which the Society have accomplished this year. They have made the Pharmacy Act respected all over Great Britain, and as the Legislature intended should be the case, they have compelled both vendors and public to look upon the sale of poisons as a responsible and serious business. Their activity has been lately particularly manifested in Glasgow, where display of it was evidently much needed. The Council have now entered upon a new effort of great importance. In response to an inquiry from the Home Office, suggested by a question asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Macdona, M P., they have for the third time passed a formal resolution declaring that

#### CARBOLIC ACID

ought to be scheduled as a poison. The responsibility of giving effect to this resolution, or of refusing so to do, now rests with the Privy Council. If the latter body should oppose or ignore the course recommended, the Pharmaceutical Council will not hesitate, we hope, to use all the influence they can exercise through members of Parliament, the medical profession, coroners, and the Press to compel acquiescence in a demand which, as we have often shown, is not only made in the interest of the public, but is a demand which the public has itself made again and again, and the disregard of which by the authorities appointed to administer and to render efficient the law affecting the sale of poisons is little short of criminal.

## THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY'S FINANCES.

It may be noted, in passing, with gratification that the Pharmaceutical Society's finances are again in a flourishing condition. Their last fannual statement showed that the new scale of fees for examinations sanctioned by the Privy Council had ensured a handsome excess of revenue over expenditure. The legal work of the Society appears to involve a direct loss, a balance of 1311. against them being reported as the net result of last year's litigation. The examinations, however, are a very satisfactory business

Omitting from the account all reckoning of office expenses the exact proportion of which it would be difficult to estimate, we find that the Preliminary examination yielded a profit of rather over 2,000*l*., while the net result of all the other examinations amounted to a substantial gain approaching 3,000*l*.

The only alteration in the constitution of the Council since last year has been the substitution of Mr. Rymer Young, of Warrington, for Mr. Warren, of London.

#### THE IRISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

have also worked very energetically during the year in the enforcement of their Act. They have been handsomely aided in many parts of Ireland by the Constabulary, but a number of magistrates in country districts have manifested an unaccountable sympathy with illegitimate vendors of poison. They have in several cases amended summonses so as to enable themselves to impose a fine of 1s. or so, instead of the statutory penalty of 51. A High Court decision has, however, been obtained declaring that they have not the power to thus manipulate the law. In regard to proprietary medicines containing poisons the Society have been generally successful. They have secured judgments against Madame Ruppert for selling a skin-lotion containing corrosive sublimate, against Mr. Frye, M.P., as the owner of a large grocery establishment in Dublin, and against many unregistered country dealers. They were defeated. however, after a closely-contested action in the attempt to bring Kay's essence of linseed under the control of their Act. The proprietors of that medicine had, it appears, taken out a patent for their preparation. They had not continued to pay the patent fees, and their specification was, to put it mildly, indefinitely worded. Still, the Magistrate could not refuse to recognise that the preparation had been patented, and gave a very able judgment in favour of the defendants. The question will probably be reopened at some future date. Mearwhile, we note that the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain have shown their intention to prevent an evasion of the Act by means of otherwise valueless patents by opposing applications.

The meetings of the Irish Council have maintained their well-won reputation for liveliness of debate. Besides the execution of their statutes with full diligence there has been a distinct advance towards friendly alliance between the pharmacists and the druggists. At present an attempt is being made to provide for the widows and orphans of chemists and druggists and registered druggists such rights of continuing their businesses as the Pharmacy Act of 1875 permits to pharmaccutical chemists.

The changes on the Irish Council at the last election were the substitution of Mr. J. I. Barnard, of Dublin, and Mr. E. P. Murray, of Clones, for Messrs. Stewart and Turner, who did not then offer themselves for re-election. The Council have also resolved to propose a botanic and materia-medica curriculum as an essential preliminary to the licensing examination.

## IN FRANCE

a new Pharmacy Bill, abolishing second-class pharmaciens and making many other alterations, got through the Chamber of Deputies before the general election, but has had to stand aside since. The Socialists in some large towns, such as Lyons and Roubaix, have been striving to get municipal pharmacies established, at which medicines should be supplied at cost price.

## THE EXAMINATIONS

in Great Britain under the new arrangements appear to be working satisfactorily, and although the Minor is reputed to

be much more arduous than formerly, there is no diminution in the number of entrants. They have, in fact, increased, with the result that no fewer than 472 were added to the register of chemists and drugggists after examination during 1893. This is 112 more than passed the Minor and Modified examinations in 1892. The Major examination is much changed, one day being devoted entirely to practical work and two to written papers. The latter are of a somewhat erratic nature now and then—indeed, it is only a short time since a correspondence closed in this journal regarding two questions which sorely puzzled not only the candidates, but even experienced chemists. On the whole, however, the examinations are conducted with fairness.

## THE MEDICINE-STAMP DUTY.

In the course of the year an influential body of Edinburgh chemists managed to interest Lord Wolmer, one of the Parliamentary representatives of that city, in certain grievances which they complained of in the Medicine-stamp Acts and their administration. Soon afterwards the Nottingham chemists impressed similar ideas on their member, Mr. Smith-Wright, and the consequence of some little pressure from these two quarters was that the new Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, Mr. Alfred Milner, intimated his willingness to discuss the subject with a representative body of pharmacists. The suggestion came before the Pharmaceutical Council lately, but it was almost unanimously resolved that it was not desirable to ask for any modification of the law, and consequently no advantage was taken of Mr. Milner's courtesy.

The Revenue Returns of the year ending March 31, 1893, showed a remarkable decline in the sale of medicine-stamps, the Government income from them having dropped that year from 240,062l. to 220,325l., the equivalent of some three million 1s.  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ . packets, or, say, one-twelfth of the whole business.

#### GINGER-WINE ESSENCE.

In the early part of the year there was some trouble in regard to ginger-wine essence, a concentrated spirituous preparation sold by many chemists for the production of a practically non-alcoholic beverage. The Board of Inland Revenue declared—and rightly according to the law—that a spirit-licence was required to sell this. The matter was raised in Parliament, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that such mixtures if they contained more than 3 per cent. of proof spirit could not be sold by unlicensed persons. Not long afterwards, however (in June last), the Board conceded to the trade the right to make and sell such preparations if they should contain as much vegetable acid (tartaric or citric) as proof spirit.

## COMPANY PHARMACY.

The steady development of the practice of securing qualification to keep open a chemist's and druggist's business by the simple method of registration as a company at Somerset House is making rapid strides. Among the "New Companies" whose registration we have reported during the year 38 have taken power to carry on the business of chemists and druggists, and nearly all of these have been formed for that express purpose. The danger to pharmacy generally of this modern development has been strikingly illustrated lately by the report of one company which has within the past few years established 29 shops in Midland towns. It is not surprising that a consideration of this serious fact has been the occasion for some vigorous complainings, and some perhaps unreasonable demands, in our correspondence section during the past few weeks. It is hoped that the subject will command the attention of those in whose hands the administration of pharmaceutical affairs is vested.

#### TRADING COMPANIES.

Among large trading concerns which have been registered as limited-liability concerns during the year may be named:

—J. Schweppe & Co., Jas. Epps & Co., Idris & Co., John Oakey & Sons, Jahncke, and the Carbolic Smoke-ball Company.

Among established companies, it may be noted that Pears have paid a 10 per-cent. dividend; the Chemists' Aëratedwaters Company, 20 per cent.; W.B. Fordham & Co., 10 per cent.; Price's Candle Company, 25s. on 16l.; Sanitas, 15 per cent.; the Chemists' Association, 7 per cent., with a bonus of 3 per cent. to shareholder customers; the Bovril Company, 8 per cent. the United Alkali Company, 6 per cent.; and Brunner, Mond & Co., 100 per cent. Some other medicine companies have a less happy record. Sequah, for instance, have reduced their nominal capital from 300,000l. to 150,000l.; H. H. Wainer & Co. are accusing their founder of having misappropriated their funds and pass the year without a dividend to ordinary shareholders; and the directors of the Medical Battery Company are under arrest on charges of fraud, while the company is being wound up.

#### LEGAL CASES.

Besides the decisions under the Pharmacy Acts of Great Britain and Ireland already referred to, there have been many actions during the year of especial interest to chemists.

After several threats the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons brought an action under the Veterinary Surgeons Act against Mr. Groves, pharmaceutical chemist at Blandford, who had published a book advising as to the treatment of diseases of animals on which he described himself as "pharmaceutical and veterinary chemist." We got up a fund to ensure a proper defence in this action, and took the risk of it on ourselves. About twenty-five subscribers supported us, and on May 31 the case came before Justices Day and Lawrance in the Queen's Bench Division. The claim of the College was dismissed contemptuously.

A great contest as to the patent-rights in lanoline occupied a Chancery Court for seven days last month, Messrs. Benno Jaffé & Darmstaedter, of Berlin, the manufacturers of lanoline, being the plaintiffs, and Messrs. John Richardson & Co., Leicester (Limited), the defendants. It was alleged that the manufacture of anaspaline, sold by the latter firm, was an infringement of the patent held by the plaintiffs, and this was the view taken by the Court. The defendants asserted that the process was described substantially by Dioscoides two thousand years ago.

Messrs. Beecham and Keating have obtained injunctions against retailers who have respectively sold pills and insect-powder as of the make of the firms named. The proprietors of Carter's Little Liver Pills obtained a similar injunction against a chemist at Bath. Mr. Eno was able to prevent the use by another vendor of the title "fruit-salt tablets," on the theory that it might be reasonably supposed that these were made with his fruit-salt.

Tincture of rhubarb without saffron, tincture of rhubarb and spirit of nitre diluted with water, seidlitz powders not of B.P. strength, resin of scammony supplied when virgin scammony was ordered, and soda-water containing no bicarbonate of soda have been the causes of fincs under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. In regard to the last-named a South London Magistrate found that 1½ grain of bicarbonate of soda in a bottle was a sufficient dose, and dismissed a summons. The substitution of pyroligneous acid for malt vinegar has brought about many penalities, but the public analysts have not of late succeeded in getting con-

victions for the sale of vinegars prepared from other substances than malt when only vinegar has been asked for, the Somerset House chemists having reported in several such cases that the article was of good commercial quality. A decision of the High Court in regard to alum baking-powder is now pending, the question at issue being whether baking-powder can be regarded as a food.

#### CRIMES

A Blackburn chemist, named Neilson, was killed by his errand-boy. The crime was reduced from murder to manslaughter, and the boy was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude. A West Bromwich chemist, named Robert Spencer, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour, on a charge of being accessory to an illegal and fatal operation on a woman with whom he had had illicit relations.

#### THE CENSUS OF 1891.

According to statistics lately published it appears that by the census taken on March 31, 1891, the number of persons in England and Wales engaged in occupations concerned with drugs and chemicals was 41,522 males and 3,358 females. The number of "chemists, druggists" was returned at 20,590 males and 1,340 females Of these 5,354 were described as employers, 12,916 as employed, 2,282 as in business on own account (probably employing no one), and 1,378 as "others"—whatever that designation may indicate.

#### IN THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

progress during the year has been satisfactory, without approaching the phenomenal. It is apparent that amongst those engaged in the trade in this country there is a fair number of persons who take an active interest in advancing the technique of their calling by experimentation and study of problems and difficulties directly connected with it. We have only to look for evidence of that in the proceedings of pharmaceutical associations and societies, which now bulk largely in our pages while they are in session, and which give Professor Attfield the best material for his reports on

## BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA.

In connection therewith it is still fresh in the recollection of chemists and druggists that the General Medical Council at their autumn meeting resolved to make the Pharmacopæia of imperial importance by including in it formulæ specially adapted to the requirements of India, Canada, and Australasia, and other British colonies. The germ of this proposal came from India, but the necessity for such an extension of the Pharmacopæia was really expressed by Canadian pharmacists whose loyalty as British subjects gives them a strong leaning towards the British compendium, while local demands very frequently compel them to adopt United States standards. Some years must elapse before the Medical Council can bring together the material for the Imperial Pharmacopæia, and it is still an open question whether the task before them does not equal in magnitude and intricacy that of the hitherto unaccomplished

## International Pharmacopopia.

But of that even we may not be too pessimistic. One of the outstanding features of the year has been the astonishing congeries of talent, intellect, and eloquence which has flowed to Chicago to participate in the World's Congresses in connection with the Columbian Exposition held there. The International Pharmaceutical Congress was one of the series, and American pharmacists, fresh from the publication of a new United States Pharmacopecia, blew oxygen into the

almost cold embers of the International Pharmacopæia, and those who are directly interested in the matter tell us that the revived scheme will be a *fait accompli* ere long.

#### THE U.S.P.

first saw the light at the Chicago Congress, but we may recall the fact that a month earlier there was published in The Chemist and Druggist a complete resumé of the new work, and criticism of the changes made by the committee of revision. The Pharmacopoia is an excellent production; free from startling changes, rather conservative in tendency, and eminently practical. The outstanding features of the revision are the adoption of the metric system, with the retention of the rule "liquids by measure, solids by weight"; exclusion of patented or proprietary medicines, chemical or otherwise; and an exceptionally complete system of chemical testing.

#### A NEW DANISH PHARMACOPŒIA

came into force on August 1, a few months after its actual publication. An interval of twenty-five years has elapsed between the old edition and the present one, so that there was presented to the Revision Committee an excellent opportunity for emendation, and this they were not slow to take advantage of. But they rather erred in making the scientific sections too elaborate for the worka-day pharmacist. The Pharmacopæia is for the first time printed in the Danish language, and the descriptive matter, including characters and tests, has been brought up to the most advanced requirements, even standardisation being fully recognised. There has also been some talk about a new Norwegian Pharmacopæia, but, so far, little has been heard of the progress made in revision. It is notable that there is a complete difference of opinion amongst Pharmacopæia compilers regarding the policy of

## OFFICIALISING PATENTED ARTICLES.

The Danish authorities, following the example set by those in England, Germany, and Italy, have not hesitated to include antipyrin, phenacetin, and other similar compounds in the Pharmacopæia. The United States committee took the opposite course, with the result that acetanilide is the only synthetic remedy for which there is an official standard in the Pharmacopæia of that great continent. This action accords with a resolution come to by the Convention a few years ago, and Professor Remington explained at Chicago that the committee felt that they were powerless to maintain by pharmacopæial tests the standard of purity of preparations the production of which is the monopoly of firms, who can put on the market whatever they like. We consider that the committee's weakness lies in their strength. If Professor Remington's explanation were to be accepted and applied generally, ipecacuanha would need to be knocked out of all Pharmacopæias, for the supply of it is virtually controlled by a syndicate, who put on the market whatever they like. So also the manufacture of certain fine chemicals is virtually in the hands of one or more firms, who have specialised on particular articles, and the United States affords the best example of dependence for supplies on sources uncontrolled by them. Apart altogether from this argument, however, there is the more important consideration that specific chemical compounds, whose constitution is defined, are distinct from proprietary galenical compounds, and it is possible to recognise the former when they come into common use without violating a high principle, and with benefit to physicians and pharmacists. While Pharmacopæias are probably the best guiding-posts to the progress of therapeutics, they only reflect in the narrowest sense the spirit of

the times, and for a better—though ephemeral—criterion of what pharmacy is now we have to turn to other

#### EXPOSITIONS.

Certainly the year 1893 will stand out boldly in that respect. In London an attempt was made to get the drug and allied trades to cater for business by methods which others less cultured have adopted with success. Chicago, with its Columbian Exposition, was, however, the world's attraction. Pure pharmacy was inadequately represented at this Mammoth Fair, but chemical industry, especially that of Germany, was illustrated with a completeness and magnificence which has never before been attempted. The Exhibition was weak because it was too immense. Few of the millions of visitors succeeded in making a complete study of the whole of the departments in which they were interested; and it is generally agreed that the limit of magnitude up to which world's fairs may be profitable was passed by Chicago. That is one lesson which we needed Chicago to teach Europe. Another, on a brighter side, has been furnished by the World's Congresses, whose good influence is only beginning to be appreciated after the mere local excitement has died down. It seems probable that in future such meetings will be a requisite complement to all international exhibitions.

#### THE CHEMISTS' EXHIBITION,

which was held on a rather large scale at the Agricultural Hall in April, was considered very good for a first attempt. The attendance, however, was unsatisfactory, and the next month the responsible promoter figured in the Bankruptcy Court—a sequel to the enterprise which is likely to check experiments in that direction in the future.

Turning now to the specific departments of our calling, we notice in

## THERAPEUTICS

a consolidation of opinion regarding the use of those physiological remedies which are called "animal extracts." Brown-Sequard has turned the laugh against those who five years ago mocked his enthusiasm for injections of seminal extract or "elixir of life." The discovery of the connection between atrophy of the thyroid gland and the rare and horrible disease myxcedcma resulted in the use of thyroid extract for that trouble, and continued experience has confirmed its utility and greatly extended the knowledge of its application. Other fluids of a similar character have been introduced, and there seems every prospect that as physiological knowledge regarding the functions of certain glands of the body increases, these very glands will furnish the proper remedies for diseases connected with them. We do not anticipate that this will shake the foundations of pharmacy to the depths, for all diseases are not glandular, but the new era of therapeutics will certainly incite in pharmacy greater attention to physiology than has hitherto obtained, and this will be beneficial. There have been no synthetic remedies of first-rate importance introduced during the year, but within the last few weeks quite a crop of little things has been gleaned across the German Ocean, and it may be that we shall hear more of them in 1894. But it strikes us that much of the work done in this department now savours greatly of trade rivalry and almost superhuman effort to utilise waste. Some new remedies appear not to be designed to do anything else than what other reliable remedies already do, while little attempt by synthesis is made to fill the gaps in the therapeutic armour, such as Dr. Lauder Brunton and Professor Cash so excellently indicated in their inaugural addresses to the Pharmaceutical Society. Still, it cannot be said that

#### CHEMICAL RESEARCH

· is at a discount. In this country we do nothing to discover synthetic remedies, but on glancing back at the work of the chemical and other scientific societies during the year, we find no cause for grumbling at what they do. We note as a few striking examples of subjects pertaining to pharmacy that Mr. David Brown has settled the impure-chloroform bogey, which has been useful, if for nothing else than exciting greater attention on the part of manufacturers and users of chloroform. Professor Dunstan and his associates in the pharmaceutical research laboratory have advanced their study of the aconite alkaloids, and have been able to show that commercial aconitine is a highly variable substance in spite of all that has been done in the subject. They have also studied the characters of certain gold substitution products of caffeine and other alkaloids, as well as the properties of oximes. Perhaps one of the most notable chemical papers of the year was that read by Mr. R. Warington to the Society of Chemical Industry on the presence and detection of lead in citric and tartaric acids, which settled once for all the correct methods to be employed. To the same Society Mr. Scarisbrick has contributed a paper dealing with a proposed new method for assessing the alcohol value of spirits which may yet be of importance to all connected with chemical industry.

#### PRACTICAL PHARMACY

shows a good record. We cannot, of course, pretend to deal with it in detail in narrow compass, but the mere mention of the fact that in the course of the year we have published in The Chemist and Druggist some dozens of original communications on practical topics is fair evidence of activity, while, as we have said, pharmaceutical associations have been well supported. The British Pharmaceutical Conference meeting at Nottingham was particularly favoured in the same way. To that meeting Messrs. Farr and Wright communicated a resumé on the series of papers on B.P. tinctures which was concluded in this journal in the early months of the year; and it was fitting that Easton's syrup should also come up for discussion there, for the mind of the trade was alert to anything regarding that, Mr. P. W. Squire having recently communicated to us papers on the syrup in which the consequences of excessive acidity were discussed. We mention further on a controversy in regard to the alkaloidal value of ipecacuanha, which was of strictly commercial interest, and the only other topic which need be referred to in this section is the growing knowledge of the composition and characters of essential oils. For a long time this subject has been in a rut; but chemists, abroad and in this country, are now able to piece together the isolated constituents which have been obtained from oils, and we are getting to a truer knowledge of what may be regarded as the active principles of essential oils. This is true, for example, of the Citrus oils, of eucalyptus oil, of lavender, rose-geranium, and many other oils, and we are not too sanguine when we predict that the synthetic production of liquid odorants will ere long be as easy as the manufacture of aniline dyes.

## PROFESSIONAL CHEMISTRY

is slowly taking shape in Great Britain and Ireland as a compact body, thanks to recent exertions of the Institute of Chemistry. For the greater part of its life this Society has been content to live a sort of lichen existence, in inferior offices, and without any definite scheme for regulating the education and training of those who intend to practise as analytical and consulting chemists, but during the past year much has been done by the Council to make up leeway. A

complete curriculum has been formulated; the associateship examination has been revised, extended, and modernised; a high standard of preliminary knowledge has been set; and a house has been secured in Bloomsbury Square adequate to the Institute's official requirements, and there an excellent examinationlaboratory has been constructed. All this has not been done with the unanimous sympathy of the members of the Institute, but the opposition to capital expenditure has now died down, and the members seem to feel that the policy of the Council is to give the individual Fellows public kudos, which is not otherwise obtainable. In many respects the ways of the Institute resemble the conditions of the Pharmaceutical Society in pre-Pharmacy Act days, and it almost seems that the leaders are living in hope that some day they will get statutory powers of a kindred nature.

#### OBITUARY.

Death has made his usual inroad into our ranks in the course of the year. Among those who had become well known in the trade who have gone from us may be mentioned Joseph Sydney Lescher, John May, and George Baggett Francis and C. K. Tomlinson, of Lincoln, wholesale druggists; William Kilner, of the glass-bottle firm, and Frederick Foster, the aërated-water machinery engineer; Professor Bentley, the well-known botanical professor; Samuel Gale and R. H. Davies, among past pharmaceutical examiners; Dr. Rawdon Macnamara, one of the original members of the Irish Pharmaceutical Council; and, abroad, Dr. Brünnengrüber, the leading German pharmacist, and Professor Maisch, one of the most prominent and laborious members of the profession in America.

#### THE DRUG-TRADE OF 1893.

COMMERCIALLY and industrially, 1893 has been a thoroughly bad year. Instead of the generally expected trade revival, business has been duller and commercial distrust greater than at any time within the last twenty years, and it is noexaggeration to say that, so far as the drug-trade is concerned, there have never been so many complaints of malaise as during the year now drawing to a close. We have no room to discuss the causes and probable consequences of this condition, but must limit ourselves to a brief survey of the commercial pharmaceutical history of the year. So far as the shrinkage in the value of our foreign trade is concerned, 1893 has been a black-letter year. Our imports of foreign and colonial merchandise, which were 435,691,000% in 1891, and had fallen to 423,892,000l. in 1892, will probably show a reduction of about 5 per cent. upon the smaller of these two figures this year. Full details will not be published until the second week in January, but for the eleven months ending November 30 the falling-off, compared with the same period of 1892, is nearly 18,000,000l. Taking this same period of eleven months, we find a decline in the exports of about 6 500,000l., compared with the corresponding part of 1892. It is no consolation to know that if our own trade hasbeen bad, that of some neighbouring countries has been even worse. It may nevertheless be of interest to point out that in Germany the aniline-dye trade, as well as the pharmaceutical industry generally, has passed through a very severe crisis, which has resulted in an important decline in the quotation of the shares of some of the chief industrial organisations in that branch of manufacture. The causes assigned for this retrogression are many, but the principal among them appears to be the partial or entire closing of some of the chief foreign markets, such as the United States

and Russia, to German trade, which for its success depends very largely upon export trade.

The revision of the M'Kinley Tariff, and the softening of its most objectionable features, were foreshadowed in l'resident Cleveland's inaugural address on March 7 last. but only in the course of the present month has the scheme been published which it is proposed that the Government shall embody in a Bill to be laid before Congress shortly. The probabilities are that the new tariff will become law in the course of a few months. The scheme already published is the outcome of a joint House of Representatives' committee of Democrats and Republicans, and the proposals are almost certain to be submitted without material alteration in the Government measure. The chief feature of the proposal is the general abolition of fixed in favour of ad valorem duties. This makes it somewhat difficult to calculate the proposed alterations, but there is no doubt that the duties on chemicals and other pharmaceutical articles will be considerably reduced.

#### THE CHAMBER OF ARBITRATION.

The City of London Chamber of Arbitration, which was established at the end of 1892, and has now been at work, or at any rate ready for work, long enough to allow of the formation of a fair estimate concerning its value, has not quite answered the expectations that were formed of it. We have not heard that any statisties have been published giving particulars or the number and classes of cases tried before this semi-official tribunal, but if current reports can be relied on, the "Chamber" has been to a large extent a fizzle. The great obstacle to its practical usefulness is, no -doubt, that provisions for arbitration have already existed from time out of mind, in all sections of the produce-trade, and that British merchants are notoriously slow in discarding systems that, in spite of their admitted defects, have existed for generations, for others which, however preferable from a scientific point of view, have the fatal objection of brandnewness.

## LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS.

The new railway rates came into force on January 1, 1893 As predicted by the few wholesale druggists who had mastered the intricacies of this somewhat forbidding subject, it became evident at once that traders would have to pay considerably more than they had paid previously. The increased charges for "smalls" (estimated to amount to about 10 per cent. on packages of less than 3 cwt.) were the chief cause of complaint, but the mineral-water trade was also severely hit. On the day following that upon which the rates came into force, Sir Courtenay Boyle, on behalf of the Board of Trade, wrote a letter to the secretary of the Railway Companies' Association, calling upon him to answer numerous complaints of vexatious charges which had been received from various trade organisations. Almost simultaneously an agitation sprang up among the commercial interests of the country which culminated in a great meeting held at the Mansion House on January 30 to protest against the increased charges and demand their reduction. Messrs. Charles Umney and W. H. Francis, who, with Mr. David Howard, had all along been the chief spokesmen of the drugtrade on this question, subsequently had an interview with the President of the Board of Trade. The upshot of the matter has been that the railway companies have made considerable concessions, and the traders generally have returned from the contest by no means dissatisfied. The exporters of tinetures and perfumery in bond have succeeded this year in obtaining further valuable concessions from the Inland Revenue authorities, whose great readiness in granting all reasonable demands deserves grateful acknowledgment, and may be held

up as an example to many other Government Departments. After various interviews and conferences, the Board have, for instance, decided to permit the exportation of tinctures in bond by weight as well as by measurement, and an order to that effect was issued recently. Other minor concessions, however, such as the allowance of a drawback on ehloroform, the Board have not seen their way to concede. The growing practical importance of the "labour" question has made itself felt in various ways in the chemical-trade this year. At first a series of articles appeared in some of the London daily journals upon the conditions of work in certain branches of the heavy chemical trade alleged to be highly injurious to the health of the workers. Then a Departmental Committee was appointed by the Home Office to inquire into such "unhealthy and dangerous employments." The Chemical Section of the Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee of eight of its members to watch the Home Office's proceedings. It is clear that the proposals which were embodied in Bill-form as the result of the Governmental inquiry are by no means palatable to the majority of the members of the Chemical Section of the Chamber, but they have vainly urged upon the Government the policy of rendering their proposed legislation more in accordance with what are considered the interests of the employers. Alterations in the Employers' Liability Bill have also been urged unsuccessfully upon the Government by the London Chamber of Commerce, and the Iill, as passed through the House of Commons, is looked upon with considerable disfavour by a large proportion of the Chemical Trade Section of the Chamber.

### THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

The Imperial Institute was opened in May last with a series of exceedingly showy festivities. We have given an account of the chief features of pharmaceutical interest in the building, and expressed our conviction that, under energetie and businesslike management, it might become an organisation of great practical value to the trade of the Empire. The Institute has hardly been upon its trial long enough to say for certain what its effect upon commerce will be, but the tendency of a section of its administrators, who appear to be desirous of establishing a rival "Empire" rather than of assisting in the development of the resources of the British dominions, has lately become somewhat unpleasantly obtrusive.

### TARIFF COMPLICATIONS.

The Customs tariff-war which broke out between Russia and Germany in the course of the summer, and one of the acts of which was the placing of an almost prohibitive special duty upon German pharmaceutical goods, sundries, perfumery, and heavy chemicals by Russia, has naturally been of some benefit to this country. The war still continues, but there are prospects of an early settlement.

## AUSTRALASIAN QUESTIONS.

Throughout the Australasian colonies trade has been exceedingly bad this year, although there are at present some indications of improvement in two or three of them. In Australasia the year has been a barren one, so far as pharmaceutical legislation is eoncerned. In New Zealand a Poisons Importation Bill, designed to check the levity with which poisons—notably arsenic and other drugs used in sheep-farming—are handled in that eolony, has been drafted by the Government. We have not heard that it has been passed. Possibly it may be heard of again now that the Parliamentary elections in that colony have resulted in the return, with increased strength, of the Government that fathered the measure. A Compulsory Shop Hours Bill, which

appears to have generally found favour with New Zealand pharmacists, has been rejected by the colonial Parliament.

In New South Wales, which is now the only British colony without a Pharmacy Act, and in which a qualification obtained abroad cannot confer the right to practise pharmacy, a Bill placing the colony in this respect on a more satisfactory footing is now before the Legislature. Beyond this, only a little tinkering at the Customs tariffs in Tasmania and Western Australia, resulting in some further increase in the duties on pharmaceutical goods, calls for comment here. The cultivation of perfume-plants, which has been carried on in Australia in a somewhat half-hearted manner for many years, appears lately to have received much greater attention in that country. Early in the year it was reported that there was some prospect of the starting of a distillery in South Australia, where Lavandula Stachas has been found growing wild in large quantities. Ylang-ylang oil from Samoa has also been mentioned as a product likely to find its way into the markets of the world, but hitherto it has not been met with, in Europe at any rate. The Victorian Government flower farm at Dunolly continues to do good service in the popularisation of perfume flower culture, and it is very likely that the misfortunes that have lately befallen Australia, and the exodus of large masses of the population from the great towns back to the land, may assist in developing this difficult and laborious industry, for which, from a climatic point of view, the Australian colonies are well suited.

#### OPIUM LEGISLATION.

It may be mentioned, also, that legislative measures have been adopted in Hong-Kong to check the growing abuse of "curing" the opium habit prevalent among the Chinese by administering subcutaneous injections of morphia. At present morphia and other opium salts are only allowed to be sold in that colony by fully qualified medical men and pharmacists. The restriction placed upon the use of morphia, however, does not apply to patent medicines and other preparations containing small quantities of the drug as an ingredient. A Bill on similar lines has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Victoria. An application for an opium monopoly was made to the Turkish Government by some financiers in 1892. From the first it was clear that it would not be granted, and we commented in this sense upon the subject in our last review of the year. But it was not until January, 1893, that the application received a definite quietus, through being rejected by the Turkish Council of State.

## THE IPECACUANHA PROBLEM.

Ipecacuanha has probably attracted more attention and been the subject of more acrimonious discussion in wholesale circles this year than any other drug. For months previous to May, when the question first entered on an acute phase, there had been grumblings among the wholesale druggists, rising in intensity as they remained disregarded, at the increasing quantity of stalk, not properly describable as root, which was found mixed with the true root shipped from the State of Matto Grosso, Brazil, now the chief source of the drug. It was generally believed by the druggists (and this view was borne out by the authorities who had investigated ipecacuanha chemically) that the proportion of emetine in the stalk of the shrub was so small as to make it practically worthless, and purchasers naturally objected to pay from 6s. to 8s. per lb. for what they believed to be an almost worthless article, found intermixed with the true drug to the extent of from 30 to 50 per cent. At the drug-auctions of May 25 a firm of drug-brokers took the unusual course of attaching to two parcels of "stalky ipecacuanha" a certificate from an analyst, Mr. Cripps, showing that the stalk

contained about four-fifths as much emetine as the root itself. The wholesale druggists expressed themselves sceptical of the accuracy of this analysis, and on behalf of the drug-club a sample of the drug was sent to Professor Attfield for analysis. Professor Attfield's results, though by no means coinciding entirely with Mr. Cripps's, went a long way towards justifying his conclusions, inasmuch as the Professor found that the stem only contained from 1.46 to 1.89 per cent. of emetine, compared with 2.00 to 2.02 per cent. extant in the root, and was therefore by no means the worthless substance which it had been believed to be in many quarters. Still, so far as pharmacopæial purposes are concerned, the admixture of stalk and root is decidedly inadmissible, and the opposition of the druggists to the sale as root of root and stalk mixed remained as well founded as before. Fortunately, recent importations from Brazil have shown that the importers' remonstrances have not been without effect. Another matter of importance in the ipecacuanha-market has been the great increase in thequantity of Colombian (so-called "Cartagena" ipecacuanha). imported during the year as a result of the commercial opening of districts hitherto accessible with difficulty.

## QUININE AND CINCHONA.

Although it appears impossible to obtain any official confirmation of the facts, it seems certain that in the spring a sort of understanding was arrived at between the quininemanufacturers, who had been in the habit of making speculative sales on the competitive system, to cease from cutting prices, and to put some limit upon the making of contracts for future delivery. These measures have served to impart. a little more confidence in the quinine-market, and this hasbeen accentuated by the belief that there will shortly be a considerable reduction in the supply of cinchona bark. Quinine has risen from  $9\frac{9}{16}d$ , per oz. for secondhand German in January to  $10\frac{3}{4}d$ . per oz. in December. is, perhaps, as yet somewhat too early to say that the prediction made by the Java Planters' Association in a report issued in March last, that the 1893-94 crop of Java cinchonabark would show an increase of 17 per cent. by weight, and about 23 per cent. by quinine-value, over the crop of the previous year, and be far and away the biggest crop on record, has been quite incorrect. But at any rate, there has been a very considerable decline in the Java exports during the last three or four months, and it is thought that the early months of the coming year will show a further diminution in the supply. Ceylon, it seems, will soon cease to count as a barkproducing country, and the Indian supply is also falling off... The quinine unit in Amsterdam fell from  $5\frac{1}{3}$ c. in January to  $2\frac{3}{4}$ c. in October, but advanced again to  $3\frac{7}{8}$ c. at the December auctions.

Another noteworthy feature in connection with the cinchonatrade has been the clearing-out of a considerable portion of the old stocks of Pitayo, soft Colombian, and Cuprea barks held in London since 1880 to 1833. At auction after auction these barks have been offered for sale, and very frequently business was concluded at from 1d. to 2d. per lb. for bark which, when imported, was worth from 1s. to 3s. per lb.

#### OPIUM AND BROMINE.

When it became known that the opium-harvest in Asia Minor and in the Salonica district of European Turkey was likely to be a very small one, an exceedingly brisk speculation in the drug developed in Smyrna. Fair quality manufacturing opium, which in January sold at the parity of 7s. 6d. per lb. f.o.b. Smyrna, rose at the end of March to 14s. per lb., and other varieties underwent corresponding advances in price. During the second part of the year, however, quotations have gradually eased off, until nearly the whole of the ad-

vance was lost, but this month there has been a sharp reaction, and the closing price in Smyrna is about 9s. per lb. f.o.b. On June 22, for the first time in history, a parcel of 20 cases East Indian (Patna) opium, certified to contain 63 per cent. of morphia, was offered for sale at the London drug-auctions, and realised about 5s. per lb. The opium was not deliberately consigned here from Calcutta, but found its way to London because the ship which was to carry it to China foundered off Ceylon. The entire consignment consisted of nearly 700 cases, and there was some fear that the whole of this would be sent for sale to London. These fears, however, have not been realised, and no more has been heard of Indian opium on our markets. In October the Stassfurt Syndicate raised the price of bromine from 1s. 10d. to 28. 1d. per lb., stating at the same time that that figure would hold for the whole of 1894. Immediately afterwards the manufacturers of bromides, by concerted action, raised their quotations about 10 per cent. all round. The advance was carried through with very little disturbance in the trade, and, once accomplished, the bromine market again resumed the even tenour of its way.

#### OTHER DRUGS.

In February, just about the time of the new season's fishing. there was a very heavy fall in the price of cod-liver oil, steamrefined Norwegian falling almost to the lowest figure on record. Afterwards some improvement set in, but during the second half of the year the drug has remained entirely quiescent. The Cape aloes market passed through a somewhat exciting period in the early summer, when the price of fine bright quality rose to 30s. per cwt. against 20s. per cwt. quoted at the beginning of the year. Most of this advance has since been lost, however, and 23s. is the closing quotation.

Early in January a kind of combination was reported to have been formed among the manufacturers of carbolic acid, but that combination, if it still exists, has not been able to keep up the quotations of the article, which have almost continually dwindled during the year. Jalap has become more plentiful lately, and closes about 30 per cent. below the opening price of 1s. 9d. per 1b. for good Vera Cruz. Jaborandi-leaves have been extremely scarce throughout the year, but lately several arrivals have depressed the quotations of this drug to nearly the price at which they stood at the beginning of the year. Tartaric acid has reached the lowest price on record this year, and cream of tartar has also been cheap. In citric acid the alterations have not been very important. Camphor has followed a declining tendency, and the same applies to Soudan gum acacia, Zanzibar cloves, rhubarb, China soy, buchu-leaves (now only a little more than one-third of their January price), and musk. Gum tragacanth and Tinnevelly senna have ruled high in price, and Canadian castorum has brought figures never thought of before-viz., 140s. per lb. Among chemicals, lithia salts deserve mention for the great fall in price which has marked their quotations. Chlorate of potash remains dear, though less so than at the beginning of the year, and several important heavy chemicals have been raised in price in consequence of the coal-strike. Lastly, otto of rose has advanced nearly 30 per cent. as a result of successful speculation, while menthol is nearly 80 per cent. higher in price than it was a twelvemonth ago. All peppermint oils have advanced in price.

A BONUS ON HOME-MADE STARCH.—The New Zealand Government are anxious to create a starch industry in the They have therefore declared their intention to pay a bonus of 27. a ton on 100 tons of starch manufactured in the colony, in each of the years 1894 and 1895.

## Trade Report

## 43 CANNON STREET, E.C., December 28.

As usual at this season, business in the drug-market is temporarily suspended, and no revival can be looked for until stocktaking and the clearing-up operations, which mark the end of the year, are over. The first drug-sales of 1894, which will be held at the unusually early date of January 7, are not likely to be of very great importance, or to give rise to any considerable price-fluctuations, although the quantity

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In the drug-market the chief feature of the week is a further advance in menthol, for which 20s. per lb. is now nominally asked on the spot. For arrival the quotation is 17s. per cwt., c.i.f. terms, for December-January shipment, but there are very few sellers. The recent arrival of Strophantus is said to have been disposed of privately, but some fair green, though rather small and dusty mixed, Kombé seed is being offered at 5s. 6d. per lb. Copaiha balsam is very firmly held, 2s. per lb. being the price for good Maranham; but a parcel of 30 cases thin, pale, somewhat cloudy Bahia balsam has just arrived, and will be offered at auction next week. The holders expect to get about 1s. 8d. per lb. for it. Balsam Peru very firm, at 7s. per lb. The new crop of Maltese Orange-peel is arriving: for not very superior quality 1s. 9d. per lb. is asked. Last season's peel offers at 8d. per lb. From Malta we are now also receiving the first arrivals of 1893 eumin-seed, for which owners ask from 38s. to 40s. per cwt. The seed is which owners ask from 38s. to 40s. per cwt. The seed is somewhat dark in colour.

Immediately before the holidays some small sales of secondhand German quining in tins were made at 10<sup>3</sup>d. per oz. Since then the market has been quiet and there are sellers to-day at the figure mentioned, but no buyers over 105d. per oz. The shipments of cinchona from Java during the first four months of the season (July 1 to October 31) were 2,264,899 half-kilos., compared with 2,245,378, 3,777,725, 2,100,170, and 1,832,298 half-kilos. in the corresponding periods of the four preceding years. Oil of Star anise is reported dearer from China. American oil of peppermint keeps very firm at 12s. 9d. to 13s. per lb. for H.G.H. brand. In the drysaltery markets there have been very few changes

In the drysaltery markets there have been very few changes since our last report. Siam stieklae is decidedly dearer on the spot, 70s. per cwt. being now asked, though we believe that 65s. is still the highest figure paid. The next East Indian indigo sales, which will begin on January 29, will consist of 5,350 cases (1,350 Bengal, 2,230 Kurpah, 500 dryleaf Madras, 700 figs and Hoody, 520 Bimlipatam, and 50 Manilla). Shellae has been fairly active privately, with sales of ordinary to fair orange TN at 102s. to 103s., and of AC garnet at 97s. per cwt. To-day, however, the market is quieter at 107s. per cwt. (nominally) for TN for January delivery. On Friday last 200 cases China galls sold at 42s. c.i.f. for January-March shipment, showing lower value.

c.i.f. for January-March shipment, showing lower value. *Quicksilver* may still be had at 6*l*. 7s. 6d. from the importers, and at 6*l*. 6s. from the second-hand.

Chemicals are generally slow of sale. Tartarie acid. English,  $10\frac{3}{4}d$ , to 11d, per lb. Foreign brands are rather firmer to-day, at  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ , to  $10\frac{5}{3}d$ , per lb. Citrie acid quiet at 1s. 5d. per lb. Cream of tartar offers at 66s. 6d. to 67s. per cwt. for white French crystals. Chlorate of potash on the spot is quoted at  $7\frac{3}{3}d$ , per lb. There has been a confidence by the property of 5 per large 1. Substitute of 5 per 6.5 per 6.5 per cwt. the spot is quoted at  $1_7^{\circ}a$ , per 10. There has been a considerable business in Bengal Saltpetre with sales of 5 per cent. January at 17s. 5d.; 10 per cent. January at 17s. 3d.; 5 per cent. January-February 17s. 3d. and 10 per cent. ditto at 17s. per cwt. Benzol is flat and lower, fifties at 1s.  $6\frac{1}{2}d$ ., nineties at 1s.  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . per gallon.

## THE SMYRNA OPIUM MARKET.

(Telegram from our Correspondent.)

SMYRNA, Wednesday night.

A FAIRLY considerable amount of business has been transacted this week, forty cases having been secured by speculators. while thirty cases of manufacturing opium have been bought by the agents of the American morphia makers. The weather in the growing districts has been very unfavourable for the winter sowings, and the market closes with some excitement at an advance of 5d., or say at the parity of 9s. 3d. per lb. f.o b. Smyrna.



## Memoranda for Correspondents.

In letters for publication correspondents are requested to express their views as concisely as possible.

Correspondents should write on one side of the paper only, and devote a separate piece of paper to each subject of inquiry.

The name and address of the writer should accompany all communications with, if desired, a distinctive nom-de-plume.

## Poisoning by Eucalyptus Oil.

SIR,—It is a pity Mr. Oscar Bancke, who writes under the above heading in your journal of September 2, is not more careful of his facts before he rushes into print, and when he professes to give a resolution passed by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Tasmania, he should see that he

does so correctly.

The facts are as follows: -A child having died, an inquest was held, and the doctor in attendance gave it as his opinion that eucalyptus oil was the cause of death. He could not detect the smell of the oil in the stomach, nor were the post-mortem appearances consistent with poisoning by an essential oil. The jury, however, were guided by the medical man, and brought in a verdict that death was caused by an overdose of the oil, and added a rider that eucalyptus oil should be labelled "Poison." The Attorney-General forwarded the depositions to the Pharmaceutical Society, and asked for their opinion upon the rider. At a special meeting of the Council the depositions were carefully gone into and the matter discussed, with the result that the following resolution was carried unanimously:-

That, having heard read the depositions which were taken at the inquest held upon the body of Victor Bradshaw, we are of opinion that it is very doubtful whether the child died from poisoning by eucalyptus oil at all; but, inasmuch as the case presents certain anedical aspects which would be better discussed by the Court of Medical Examiners, we consider the matter should be referred to that body for its opinion.

As to labelling eucalyptus oil "Poison" or with a "Caution" label, we are of opinion that this is quite unnecessary, the oil having been sold without any such labels for about thirty years, and no danger

to the public has resulted.

This is a vastly different resolution to the one given by Mr. Bancke, and I may state the opinion here was strongly against the theory of poison in the case at all. Most medical men considered it a case of pneumonia which had reached a fatal stage before medical aid was called in. There were no proofs whatever that eucalyptus oil had been taken into the stomach, and beyond the fact that about an inch of the contents of the bottle had gone, no evidence at all of the child having taken it was given. Moreover, the father said the oil had been sprinkled freely over the room as a disinfectant, which would quite account for its disappearance.

Your colonial journal reviewed the evidence very carefully, and, while not attempting to call in question the medical evidence, came to the conclusion that it was very doubtful whether the child took it as alleged. The medical man, I may add, who was called in to attend the child stated that he had had no previous experience with poisoning by oil of

eucalyptus.

Mr. Bancke would have been wiser had he addressed his letter to The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia, where correspondence upon the subject was invited. Of course, no one questioned the fact that eucalyptus oil in large doses is poisonous, just as oil of turpentine, &c., would be, but to label all these oils "Poison" would utterly do away with the significance of the word. Most makers of the oil give the dose as 5 to 10 drops on the label, and more than this seems quite unneccessary. Yours, &c.

Hobart. H. T. GOULD.

#### The Tests for Eucalyptus Oil.

SIR,—In a paper by Mr. H. Helbing and Dr. F. W. Passmore, writing of the eucalyptol, which can be frozen out of eucalyptus oils, they endorse the observation of Mr. Dott that it is the "essential constituent."

This observation must be taken to mean that the value of eucalyptus oils is entirely dependent upon eucalyptol, and as this is an entirely gratuitous assumption I think it may be useful at this time to call attention to that circumstance.

So far as I am aware, there is no evidence whatever to show that eucalyptol, either from a therapeutic or hygienic point of view, is the active constituent. No doubt it is contributory to the properties of oils containing it, but, so far as is known, the other constituents are equally valuable. At any rate, the production of peroxide of hydrogen, which attends upon the oxidation of such oils, is, I believe, associated with other of their constituents than eucalyptol, and the hygienic value of eucalyptus oils is to a considerable extent, at least, dependent upon that process.

My only object in writing this letter is to prevent a matter of assumption from becoming regarded as a matter of fact.

Elmstead Knoll, Chislehurst. December 26.

Yours truly, C. T. KINGZETT.

#### Tela Vesicatoria.

SIR.—We observe in your DIARY for 1894, page 381, a formula for the above which may possibly lead to confusion. Tela Vesicatoria is the distinctive name by which our

well-known Cantharidin blistering-tissue has been recognised for half a century or more. The chief points of our speciality are its cleanliness, certainty of action, elegance, and portability—indeed, it was with a view to superseding the application of the crude fly with all its disadvantages that we originally introduced the blistering-tissue.

The DIARY formula being somewhat on the lines of the B.P. Charta Epispastica, has not, of course, the slightest resemblance to our Tela Vesicatoria. Nor can it mislead those who are familiar with our speciality, as you can judge

from the sample which we enclose herewith.

Edinburgh.

We are, Yours truly, Т. & Н. Sмітн & Со.

### Syrup-making.

SIR,-I notice that the Liverpool chemists have been discussing the best way for making simple syrup (vide ante, page 659), and perhaps my plan may be useful to them. Instead of putting the liquid and sugar together in the pan cold, and boiling, I have found syrups do not crystallise (or, at any rate, scarcely perceptibly) if the liquid is *first* brought to the boiling-point and then add the sugar. Of course, after adding the liquid and sugar one must bring the mixture again to the boiling-point. I also find a good hot fire is best, as the shorter time the pan is on the fire the less chance there is of crystallising. K. F. (161/13.)

#### Pure Waters.

SIR,-Increased attention is being given on every side to the fact that an abundant supply of pure water is of vital necessity to every community, and it does not seem altogether unreasonable to open the question whether the public will rest satisfied, and whether the leaders in sanitary matters will allow the public to continue to purchase with such confidence almost anything put into a bottle, sometimes aërated and sometimes not, which may be sold as pure water.

If we feel it a grievance that the butcher charges us the price of Scotch beef, and serves us with American, which latter is undoubtedly very excellent, although not of the market value of our home-grown produce, certainly sooner or later the public will want to know exactly what it is they drink as pure water in the millions of bottles consumed

annually, not only at home, but in our colonies and India.

I was very much struck during a visit to India a few years back, with the quantity of soda-water consumed there. Anglo-Indians tell deplorable tales as to the iniquity of the

natives in drinking water from the tanks and rivers of India, and how their so doing spreads disease; and, certainly, from the prevalence of elephantiasis, eases of which may be seen daily in the streets of Madras, there seems every reason to believe that bad water is responsible for an enormous loss of life annually in India, and the question comes, from whence are these millions of bottles of soda-water supplied? Of eourse, a certain portion of soda-water is manufactured by ehemists of the highest standing, who would take care that the water used in their factories was derived from a pure source; but a vast quantity of cheap soda-water is manufactured by the natives, goodness knows where and how, and the mere fact of aerating this water, if originally polluted, will not make it pure.

The same question, although probably in a much modified form, might with advantage be raised in this country. We seem to have arrived at some sort of rough control over our food-supply, as we read of seizures of fish, and, occasionally, of meat and fruit, condemned as unfit for human food, which gives us a considerable amount of confidence in the soundness of our food; but we do not seem to have the smallest control or the smallest guarantee with our bottled-water supply. Should not the law preventing false descriptions of goods be made applicable to the bottled-water supply of this country?

Let the origin of the water be stated distinctly, not only on all foreign imported waters, whether medicinal or table, but also on all home-made mineral waters; and I would suggest a law enacting that the analysis of a Government official should be given in detail on the label of every bottle. This is done in certain cases, and I hope the time is not far distant when it will be made compulsory.

London, December 22.

Yours truly, P. COLLINGWOOD.

#### Carbolie Aeid as a Disinfeetant.

SIR,-My previous letter with respect to this subject has evidently struck home, judging from the tone of Messrs. Calvert & Co.'s reply in your issue of December 23.

I have no wish to enter upon a long personal or acrimonious discussion with that firm, but I could not allow the false statement which was made by them to pass unchallenged. At the same time, with your permission, I may be allowed to make a few further observations.

If earbolic is recognised as a standard disinfectant by various European Governments, I can only say more is the pity, because not only is it poisonous, and therefore dangerous for public employment, but notably because it is not an oxidising agent, and possesses no advantages over plenty of other equally efficacious disinfectants.

I may remind Messrs. Calvert & Co. that progress in scientifie as in other directions necessarily takes place gradually. It is, however, in process, as is proved by the large amount of trade now done in sanitary preparations other than carbolic acid.

As to the false deduction which they draw concerning my faith in what they call my "pet" disinfectants, by which, of eourse, they mean "Sanitas" preparations, I can only say that I regard them without exception as absolutely the best of their kind; and I may remind Messrs. Calvert & Co. that I so regarded them fifteen years ago, when they were not nearly so well made as they are now, and when, by the way, Messis. Calvert & Co. prophesied that they would expire, like many other rivals of carbolic-acid preparations had previously done, ere long. The fact remains, however, that the "Sanitas" preparations have, I believe, the largest sale in the world among disinfectants.

As for "Kingzett's Mereuric Bactericide," and "Kingzett's Patent Sulphur Candles," they are not advertised on account of any want of faith in "Sanitas" manufactures—indeed, on the other hand, in many of our advertisements, we recommend in preference the use of "Sanitas" articles; but while there is a demand for perchloride of mercury and sulphur for disinfecting and fumigating purposes, we as a business firm lay ourselves out to provide those articles in the best and most scientific forms. Messrs. Calvert & Co. must remember that we are disinfectant-manufacturers, trading in order to make a profit, and he'd currelyes from to report to report to report to the content of the content of the currely and the order to make a profit, and hold ourselves free to manufacture any articles we think fit.

The two quotations which Messrs. Calvert & Co. have sub-

mitted for my edification have not in the least moved me in my previously expressed conviction that carbolic acid has caused more deaths than it has saved lives, and is not qualified for use as a general disinfectant.

Yours truly, C. T. KINGZETT.

Letehford's Buildings, Bethnal Green, December 27.

## Was the Chemist or Doctor to Blame?

SIR,—In your issue of December 23 you report, under the above title, an inquest at Derby, which certainly calls for comment, as the medical evidence was erroneous, and calculated to do the chemist (Mr. Hart) serious harm. Dr. McKay says (according to report), "When I saw deceased alive the pupils were dilated, which was a sure sign of opiumpoisoning." According to all medical authorities, the principal diagnostie sign in opium poisening is contracted pupils. Besides, I never heard of eonvulsions being caused or accelerated by opium, as stated. I think this should not pass unnoticed.

Yours faithfully,

Busy Bee. (196/1.)

## Stores Prices and Alkaram.

SIR,—As all supplies of Dunbar's Alkaram pass through our hands, we should like to say in answer to the letter of "Inquirer," page 903 of your issue of December 23, that the price of the article was reduced to 17s. per dozen, or 1 dozen for 16s. 6d., so far back as August last. The patent-house by whom your correspondent is still supplied at 26s. 1d. nett appears therefore to be a little behind the times.

Yours faithfully,

F. NEWBERY & SONS.

1 and 3 King Edward Street, E.C., December 27.

-"Inquirer" in your issue of December 23 asks you to explain how it is that the Civil Service Stores can sell Dunbar's Alkaram at 1s. 8d.

Had he earefully looked through the advertisements in your Summer Issue, July 29 last—this would not have been necessary, for at foot of Messrs. Newbery's advertisement, page 70, the following appears:-

Alkaram, Dr. Dunbar's, Per doz. 17s. (1 dozen for 1(s. 6a.).

The surprise rather is, that your correspondent should have allowed himself to be so mulcted. If he purchased since above date at the price he states he paid he should claim a rebate, and henceforward more earefully read the "ad." pages of your journal; by so doing he would soon save amount of his subscription. His "patent-house!" must have had a him took of the original stale or also little demand if had a big stock of the original style or else little demand if not yet cleared out. The new style, in carton is a decided Your obedient servant, J. H. B. (196/10.) improvement.

Dublin.

## LEGAL QUERIES.

Immediate information on pharmaco-legal matters is available in "Pharmaco and Poison Laws of the United Kingdom," Alpe's "Handy-book of Medicine-stamp Duty," and THE OHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTS' DIABY.

189/8. Phenacetin. - We cannot undertake to decide whether any particular lozenges need to be labelled "Poison." Certainly they do if any moderate quantity of them are poisonous, but, as you may have noticed, the High Court has refused to consider that a preparation containing only a very small proportion of morphia comes within the meaning of the Pharmacy Act.

187,65. Bray.—It is not absolutely necessary that an ordinary deed should be attested at all, although it is usual and proper. The fact of a deed of apprenticeship or any other deed being attested by the brother of one of the signatories is quite immaterial, and does not invalidate the

deed in any way. The only case where the attestation is of great consequence is in the case of a will, when the attesting witness loses any legacy that may be given to him. The will, however, is not invalidated.

191/32. Rheum.—A special resolution under the Companies Act can only be passed if at the meeting at which it is proposed, "of which notice specifying the intention to propose such resolution has been duly given," three-fourths of those present (in person or by proxy) approve of it. A subsequent general meeting, not less than fourteen days, and not more than a month later, must be held to confirm such resolution, and due notice must likewise be given of this meeting. At this meeting a bare majority is sufficient.

195/12. Old Subscriber.—We do not see that you have any claim for compensation if the wholesale tea merchant takes away his agency from you. The agreement is one that either party could conclude at pleasure.

195/49. Assistant.—We cannot possibly tell whether the deceased A intended the money he paid on behalf of B to be a gift or a loan. On the face of it B owes the money, and must pay it to the estate unless he can produce some evidence that his brother intended to make him a present of the sum advanced.

#### MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

The Editor replies to queries of general interest, in the order in which they are received. Replies are inserted according to the space available. Postal answers cannot be supplied.

Back numbers, containing formulæ, educational or other specific information can be obtained from the Publisher.

182/17. Inquirer.—The College of Preceptors certainly allows pharmaceutical students to be examined in those subjects for the Medical Preliminary which they had not passed before 1892. The General Medical Council, in consenting to this course, did not contemplate that students should pass a portion of the new examination, but complete the old one. Please put this before Mr. Robertson, and let us know the result.

184/36. Transvaal.—See page 367 of the 1894 DIARY. Wou may alter the flavour by changing the essential oil.

184/3. Agra.—(1) Any information as to agency arrangements for English houses in India must depend entirely upon the credentials which you can produce and the amount of business which you estimate being able to do. You should talk over the matter with some traveller. (2) For the treatment of Syphilis mercury is relied upon, potassium iodide being given along with it as in the following prescription:—

 Liq, hydrarg, perchlor.
 3j.

 Potassii iodidi
 5j.

 Spt. chloroformi
 3s.

 Dee, sarsæ co. ad
 3vii

One to two tablespoonfuls three times a day.

(3) See page 326 of the 1893 DIARY in regard to other matters; also reply on page 907. (4) Impotency can only be medicinally treated with tonics, such as syr. hypophos. comp. or syr. Eastoni. If you wish to make a speciality of either of these you should dilute with some aromatic infusion.

169 42. Carnis.—(1) For Beef and-Malt Wine see page 877. In order to get it clear allow to settle for at least three weeks; then filter. (2) We do not think you can improve the injection. Of course it is the zinc sulphocarbolate which acts most strongly, the rest being placebos. Still, we would not advise you to leave them out.

186/14. Spero.—We expect that the water which you use owes part of its hardness to magnesium salts, and that the use of the softening-powder brings in the trouble. We could not advise you clearly on the matter without a personal investigation, but we think you should omit the softening.

186/5. X. Y. Z.—There is no doubt that the Liver pill will gripe rather severely. That is one of the faults of podophyllin when combined with colocynth. Try rather the following:—

 Resin. podophylli
 gr. ij.

 Leptandrin
 gr. ij.

 Aloes socotrinæ
 gr. xvj.

 Ol. caryoph.
 mj.

 Pulv. zingib.
 gr. viij.

 Ext. hyoscyami.
 q.s.

185/62. Cacodyl.—Birds' skins are cured with arsenical soap. See page 692, C. & D., November 5, 1892.

Make a mass, and divide into eight pills.

185/67. Calorific.—Cocaine solution is undoubtedly the best Dental Local Anæsthetic. It is applied with a syringe. Dissolve a gr. of the hydrochlorate in 3 minims of distilled water, inject half of this inside the tooth, and the rest outside. After removing the needle, keep the finger over the spot for a minute. The needle should, of course, be pushed well down to the root. Three or four minutes after the injection the tooth may be extracted. Please note that dangerous symptoms, even collapse, sometimes follow the injection of cocaine, and that the operation does not become absolutely painless.

188/29. Wilts.—Try the following method To Remove Indian-ink Lines from an architect's plan:—Rub the lines gently with a piece of linen damped with rectified spirit and placed over the finger; then use hydrogen-peroxide solution in the same way (when the spirit ceases to remove anything), and, finally, water. Simple erasure with a sharp knife is much quicker and safer in expert hands.

187/63. V. L. F.—We cannot at present say what the composition of the compound is, but we shall keep the matter before us. It is, however, ostensibly a secret preparation.

186/65. J. Cogga.—The butter will solidify when the temperature is a few degrees less than its melting-point.

187/41. G. F.—We put the query. Cardboard boxes are often fixed to showcards with glue, and sometimes with staple-fastenings, if for show-purposes only.

187/57. Amicus.—Benzine Cleans White Fur nicely if carefully applied with a brush. Also cloudy ammonia, then warm water, and dry carefully.

170/32. J. S.—Soothing-syrup :—

 Potass, bromidi
 5s

 Tinet, hyoseyami
 5j

 Spirit, anisi (1 in 20)
 5ts

 Aq, chloroforni
 5j

 Syrupi ad
 5i

Dissolve the bromide in the water, and add to the syrup. Mix the tine-ture and spirit, and add also.

Dose: A small teaspoonful.

187/7. Yorks.—Messrs. William Currie & Co. inform us that if an Indiarubber Hot-water Bottle goes wrong from decay it cannot be repaired, but a puncture or any similar accidental injury can be repaired. A good bottle should last twelve months or more in constant use, but inferior bottles may go wrong in a month or two. Only

those who are cognisant with the practical details of ruhherwork can effect repairs,

171/31. N. C.—The Bladders have doubtless become brown through exposure to the air. Wash them well in warm water containing a little washing-soda; then wash with plain warm water, and dip in the following bath:—

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Permanganate of potash Sj.
Sulphurie acid Sj.
Water Sj.
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Again wash in warm water. Instead of the permanganate, 1 oz. of sulphite of soda may be used.

## 188/49. Chill.—Colic-drench for a Horse:-

Chloral, hydrat		• •	 	5j.
Tr. cannab. ind.		• •	 	Ξj.
Spt. ammon, arom,	• •	• •	 	- 0
Spt, ehloroformi	••	• •	 • •	žį.
Ol. lini	• •		 	3iij

Dissolve the chloral hydrate in a drachm of water, and add to the other ingredients mixed together.

Give the draught in ½ pint of warm linseed oil. For a Chill-drench give the following:—

						5ij.
f ging	ger					3-5
f acor	rite					588
tion of	f amm	onium	acetat	e		311
						3ij
						7
	f ging f acor tion o	f ginger f aconite tion of amm	f ginger f aconite tion of ammonium	f ginger	f ginger	f ginger

To be given in a pint or two of hot gruel, and keep the horse well covered with blankets.

## 189/43. C. W. F.—Ink-powder:— \*

Tannin			• •			• •	3j.
Dried sulp	liate o	f iron					Ziiiss.
Powdered	gum a	rabie					Div.
Sugar							Эij.
Aniline b	lue, B			• •	• •		Эij.
X.,							

Dissolve in a quart of water.

Mix.

191/68. Diogenes writes in reference to the suggestion that bottles containing poisonous or dangerous medicines should he sent out in fluted or sandpapered hottles. He narrates a case of a child being given a teaspoonful of a dangerous liniment out of a 5ss. bottle, its medicine heing in a 3il bottle, and asks how can any precautions avail against such carelessness? That argument is not logical. It does not follow that because a person is careless to a certain point that carelessness is unlimited. The nurse did not think of the different sizes of the bottle; a piece of sandpaper on the bottle might have arrested her attention.

#### INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

For this section we are always glad to receive from subscribers brief notes on practical subjects, recipes which have been found good in practice or which have required modification, and hints or fresh ideas on any pharmaceutical or trade matter.

153 67.—Eau Sédative is the great French popular medicine, first given to the world hy Raspail, and is used for every ill that flesh is heir to. Nasty stuff it is, too, with the camphor all floating on the top, so that it is impossible to dispense an even dose of it, though vigorously shaken each time. The French working people, however, swear hy it, and so do their cousins the "Kanucks," or French Canadians, of whom we have a settlement in our neighbourhood. "Eau sédative de Raspail" has a popularity with the latter only shared by "Gomme d'Epinette Rouge," or red-spruce gum, the favourite remedy for coughs and colds.

New York, November 28.

TH. LATHAM.

A Solvent for Iodine.—I often obtain valuable hints from your journal, and am glad to place any discovery at your service. Having read notes on the injurious effects of methylated spirit with iodine, I looked for another solvent and have found it in eucalyptus oil. In a few minutes it will dissolve one in eight. When made in quantities of 2 drs. of iodine it makes the hottle very hot, hut I have experienced no danger. Thus dissolved it answers well for ointment, and externally for veterinary purposes. This may not he any new discovery, but it is so to me, therefore I forward it.

Sydney, N.S.W.

WM. MOORE.

[This is all right as long as there is no turpentine in the eucalyptus oil. With turpentine and many essential oils iodine combines so energetically as to cause an explosion. In the case of eucalyptus oil there is also combination (hence the heat), and the solution does not contain one of free iodine in eight.—Ed. C. & D.]

### Unguentum Borieum .-

A very useful general ointment.

LIBRA. (174/43.)

#### Foot-powder for Tender Feet .--

Pulv. acid.	boric.	 	 	1 lb.
22 22	tannie.	 	 	1 oz.
Ol. eucalyp	t	 	 	3j.

Acts well, and has the advantage of being soluble.

LIBRA. (174/43.)

#### Bay Rum .--

Oil of Kermes.—In Worcestershire we used to give syr. rheados for this, and it appeared to give satisfaction.

R. B. S.

A Sealing-wax Lamp.—"Lux" (180/19) may find the following answer his requirements; I have found it suitable, and it is inexpensive:—Ahout half fill loosely an ordinary 4-oz., 6-oz., or 8-oz. round with absorbent cotton-wool, and saturate with methylated spirit. Place one of Maw's connectors (such as is used with their registered tuhing) in the neck and insert some thread-wick, and when required apply a light; this will give a smokeless flame and consequently a clear seal. This may he improved upon by passing a piece of metal tuhing through the connector and binding it to any desired angle so as to prevent the melting wax falling upon the wick, which occurs if upright. When not in use a cap of any description may he placed over to prevent loss of spirit by evaporation.

Duhlin. J. H. BOARDMAN.

Would not a modification of the old-fashioned German float answer "Lux's" purpose? There used to be a hronze figure in the market, "A' bright light," procurable from dealers in petroleum oil—John Bright in Quaker costume smoking a cigar, which answered fairly well.

Worthing. J. Burn.

#### 175/52.—Dr. Abercrombie's Cough-mixture: Syr. scillæ .. gtt. 160 ٠.. .. .. .. 3ii. Muciliginis .. . . ٠. ٠. .. 3ij. Aq. einnamom. .. 3iv. ٠. . . . . . . Aquam .. 3ss. a dose. .. živ.

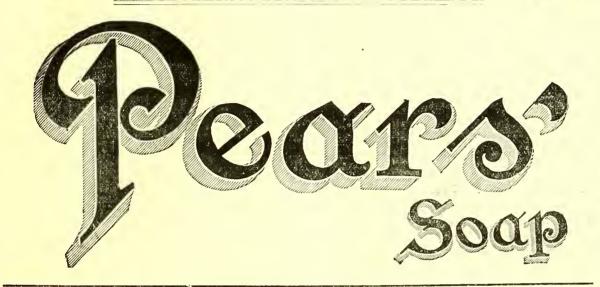
Thurso. A. II. Bremner.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

The Editor invites, on behalf of inquiring subscribers, post-card replies to the following:—

(191/26). Seltzer would be glad to learn what is the generally accepted formula for spirit of vitriol as sold for trade and agricultural purposes. All strengths appear to be supplied from ac. sulph. dil. up to one part of strong acid to two of water.

# 20 HIGHEST AWARDS. 20



## DEPÔTS:

LONDON:—71-75 New Oxford Street, LONDON.

NEW YORK:—365 and 367 Canal Street, NEW YORK.

MELBOURNE:—484 Collins Street, MELBOURNE.

## 20 HIGHEST AWARDS:

LONDON, 1851; LONDON, 1862; PARIS, 1867;

SANTIAGO, 1875; PHILADELPHIA, 1876; PARIS, 1878;

SYDNEY, 1879; BRIGHTON, 1881; BOSTON, 1883;

ADELAIDE, 1887; MELBOURNE, 1888; PARIS, 1889;

EDINBURGH, 1890; ROYAL MILITARY, LONDON, 1890;

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

HIGHEST

CHICAGO.

1893.

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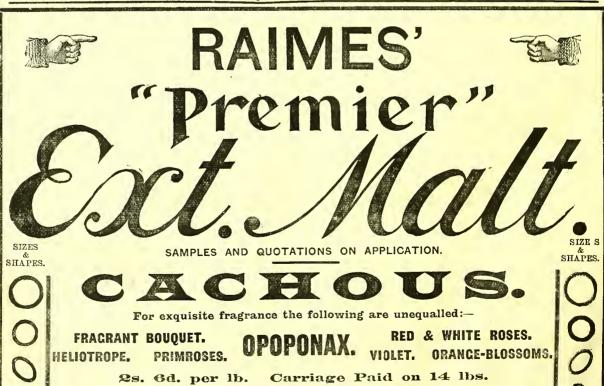
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VICE-CHANCELLOR SIR W. PAGE WOOD, by whom the suit in Chancery was first heard, stated in his judgment that "Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the Inventor of Chlorodyne, that the whole story of the Defendant Freeman was as deliberately untrue as the falsehood he had deposed to with reference to the use of his Chlorodyne in the Hospital."

The VICE-CHANCELLOR also stated, "that Chlorodyne was a fanciful name, and had application been made sooner, the

Court would have given Dr. Browne protection."

LORD CHANCELLOR SELBORNE coincided with the judgment of the Vice-Chancellor upon this point, and stated, "that had application been made at a proper time and place, the Court would have found means to restrain the Defendant from misrepresenting the decision of the Vice-Chancellor."

LORD JUSTICE JAMES, on appeal, stated in his judgment, "that the Defendant Freeman had made a deliberate mis-representation of the decision of Vice-Chancellor Wood."

It was proved in Court, on affidavit by Mrs. Forbes, of Paris, that the testimonial published in the *Times*, November 14th, 1865, speaking of the great efficacy of Chlorodyne in Cholera, referred to Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne, and that she never used any other, that she had written to the Defendant Freeman to that effect; notwithstanding which notice the Defendant publishes the said testimonial as referring to his medicine.

The Editor of the *Medical Times*, in his report on Chlorodyne, January 13th, 1866, gives information that the Chlorodyne referred to was the medicine introduced by a retired Army Medical Officer, which was Dr. J. Collis Browne; still this is published by the Defendant as testimony to his medicine.

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Numerous affidavits from eminent Physicians and other were produced in Court, stating that Dr. J. Collis Browne was the inventor of Chlorodyne, and that when prescribing they wean no other.

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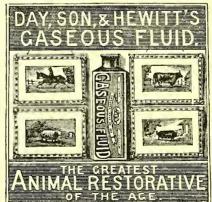
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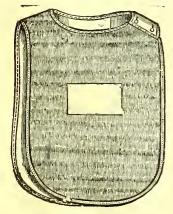
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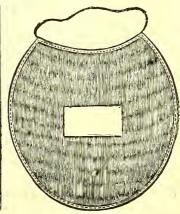
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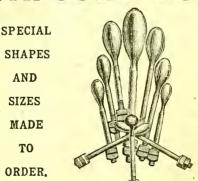
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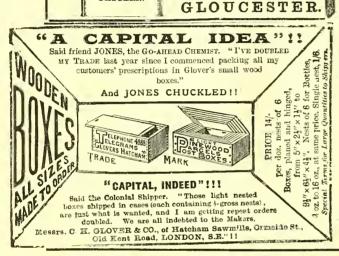
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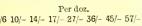
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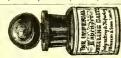
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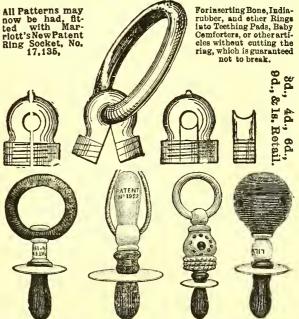


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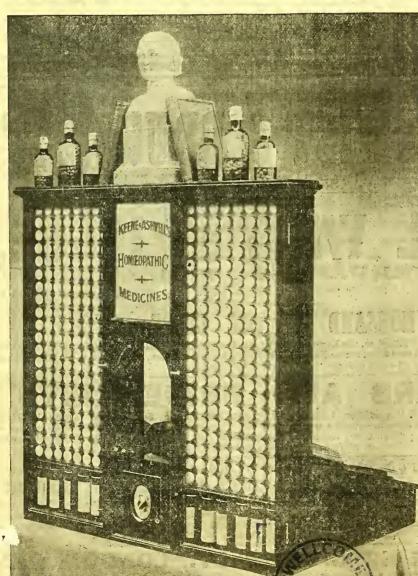
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